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State Housing Board to Meet in Miles City July 12

Will Attend Housing Opportunities Conference in Glendive July 13

(HELENA)---The Montana Board of Housing (MBOH), Department of Commerce, will meet in Miles City on Wednesday, July 12. The meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. and will be held at the Guest House Inn and Suites. Community leaders and members of the public interested in programs offered by the MBOH will have a chance to talk with board members about housing issues at the beginning of the meeting.

“The input of local leaders and citizens has been critical to the development of several new programs at MBOH,” said Chairman Bob Thomas. “I look forward to meeting members of the Miles City community.”

To date, the MBOH has provided the following home loans for the area:

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| Carter County | 2 | homes for | \$91,000 |
| Custer County | 626 | homes for | \$23,704,932 |
| Dawson County | 407 | homes for | \$16,008,240 |
| Fallon County | 47 | homes for | \$1,955,014 |
| Garfield County | 6 | homes for | \$242,642 |
| McCone County | 23 | homes for | \$915,258 |
| Powder River County | 7 | homes for | \$289,579 |
| Prairie County | 13 | homes for | \$495,992 |
| Richland County | 529 | homes for | \$22,745,047 |
| Rosebud County | 99 | homes for | \$4,959,743 |
| Wibaux County | 6 | homes for | \$186,261 |
| Total | 1,765 | homes for | \$71,593,708 |

On Thursday, July 13, the Board will also participate in a discussion of housing issues in Glendive in conjunction with the Housing Opportunities Regional Housing Conference. This event is organized by the Dawson County Economic Development Council and is co-sponsored by the Housing Division of the Montana Department of Commerce and the Mountain Plains Equity Group. For a copy of the agenda, visit www.dawsoncountyed.com.

The Montana Board of Housing is administratively attached to the Montana Department of Commerce. The MBOH serves the housing needs of Montana's low- and moderate-income population by providing financing for the development or rehabilitation of the state's affordable housing stock, as well as low-interest loans for first-time homebuyers through the Homeownership Program. Since 1977, the MBOH has served 40,000 Montana families by financing nearly \$2.5 billion for affordable homeownership and multi-family housing units.

The MBOH will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the public meeting. A person in need of accommodation should contact Diana Hall at (406) 841-2840 no later than July 3, 2006.

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